THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the Institute under reference has not been approved by the AICTE. Hence, the question of AICTE granting permission to the Institute for conducting examination does not arise.

Funds for implementing Agencies of Education

1402. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for universal elementary education during the last three years, so far;

(b) whether any new formula is being consider to bring procedural changes, by allowing funds to be sent directly to the implementing agencies;

(c) if so, the details therefor; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Government of India has been implementing various programmes for the universalisation of elementary education such as the District Primary Education Programme, Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Education Gurantee Scheme & Alternative and Innovative Education (earlier Non-formal Education). The Government has launched the new Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in November, 2000 to pursue the goal of universal elementary education in a mission mode.

(b) to (d) The matter is under consideration.

University courses on water management and water harvesting

1403. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2806 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 2001 and state:

(a) what are the Universities selected for introduction of courses on Water Management and Water Harvesting;